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Long May It Wave

Hubert M. Engemann
Francis J. Magin

Let us then stand by the constitution as it is, and by our country as it is, one, united, and entire; let it be a truth engraven on our hearts; let it be borne on the flag under which we live in every exigency, that we have one country, one constitution, one destiny.—Daniel Webster.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The merging this week of the Banner and the News eliminates one weekly paper and leaves but one to cover the field which will hereafter be published under the name of the Banner-News.

The Banner was established 29 years ago this week by E. B. Lapham and Charles R. Cowdin.

Later the Banner Publishing company was organized and for the past five years Mr. James M. Langston and Mr. Lapham have been the editors of the Banner.

During the past year negotiations have been pending for a consolidation of the two papers which culminated Monday.

We have in its publication endeavored at all times to keep the Banner in the class of clean journalism and highly appreciate the many favors and courtesies received from patrons and readers.

Mr. Langston, whose recent bereavement in the death of his wife, was an additional reason for disposing of his interest, is undecided as to his future, but Mr. Lapham will continue with the new company.

We bespeak for the new management and the new paper a hearty and generous support, feeling confident that every interest will be carefully looked after in every way possible.

May the Banner-News live long and prosper.

E. B. LAPHAM,
J. M. LANGSTON.

Is Confined to His Room.

Alvah N. Belding, who has been confined to his room in Hotel Belding by a slight illness since the day of the dedication of the splendid library he gave to the city, is under the care of skillful physicians, and nurses.

Many flowers have been sent to the sick room by friends for which he expresses much pleasure and wishes to thank all for their kind consideration.

His daughter, Mrs. Florence Knuckles, arrived from Rockville, Conn., Wednesday, and his son, Fred N. Belding, is still with him.

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THE BELDING SAVINGS BANK

at Belding, Michigan, at the close of business May 19, 1918, as called for by the Commission-
er of the Banking Department:

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts, viz:
Commercial Department \$ 82,518.00
Savings Department 41,770.49 124,288.49
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
Commercial Department 25,618.28
Savings Department 104,847.00 130,465.28
Overdrafts 378.50
Banking House 7,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures 500.00
Due from Banks and Bankers 378.50
Items in transit 828.40

RESERVE:
U. S. Bonds 28,000.00
Due from banks in reserve cities 32,000.00
Exchanges for clearing house 318.07
U. S. and National bank currency 5,445.00 3,799.00
Gold coin 15.50 12,851.00
Gold certificates 1,711.10 2,350.00
Silver coin 87.40
Nickels and cents 80.00
Revenue stamps 64.71
Cash and other cash items 480,778.17

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock paid in 10,000.00
Surplus fund 10,000.00
Undivided profits, net 7,073.12
Commercial deposits subject to check 106,692.07
Commercial certificates of deposit 157,620.23
Postal savings deposits 1,815.00
Savings deposits (book accounts) 108,174.34
Savings certificates of deposit 85,313.95 458,812.69
Reserve for taxes, interest, etc. 700.00

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ionia—ss.
I, W. S. Lambertson, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1918.
W. S. LAMBERTSON, Cashier.

LOUIS A. LEONARD, Correct Attest:
My commission expires Dec. 14, 1920.
E. C. LLOYD,
H. J. LEONARD,
K. E. CHAPPEL, Directors.

THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

at Belding, Michigan, at the close of business May 19, 1918, as called for by the Commission-
er of the Banking Department:

RESOURCES:
Loans and Discounts, viz:
Commercial Department 237,805.64
Savings Department 20,546.44 258,352.08
Bonds, Mortgages and Securities, viz:
Commercial Department 21,500.00
Savings Department 119,878.63 141,378.63
Overdrafts 849.93
Banking House 8,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures 3,643.20

RESERVE:
U. S. Bonds 44,041.93
Due from banks in reserve cities 3,269.73
Exchanges for clearing house 1,128.73
U. S. and National bank currency 10,453.00
Gold coin 3,034.50 9,500.00
Gold certificates 1,250.00
Silver coin 2,182.75
Nickels and cents 533.82
Checks and other cash items 101,632.46
Total 516,725.81

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock paid in 10,000.00
Surplus fund 10,000.00
Undivided profits, net 7,073.12
Commercial deposits subject to check 106,692.07
Commercial certificates of deposit 157,620.23
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Reserve for taxes, interest, etc. 700.00

STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Ionia—ss.
I, W. L. Cusker, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and correctly represents the true state of the several matters therein contained, as shown by the books of the bank.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, 1918.
W. L. CUSKER, Cashier.

AMBROSE SPENCER, Correct Attest:
My commission expires May 25, 1919.
W. L. CUSKER, Cashier.

BRINTON F. HALL,
CHARLES EDDY,
FRANK L. MOON, Directors.

F. W. CLARK SAYS
BUY U. S. S. AND
THRIFT STAMPS

CLAIMS BABY BONDS GOOD
INVESTMENT AND GREAT
HELP TO GOVERNMENT

Your government is at war. A war not of its own choosing, but a war in defense of civilization to protect you and your home. Our boys, your boy perhaps, may be called to go to France and die, if necessary, that future generations may live untroubled by the tramp of Prussian ruthless imperialism.

These boys are going now and will be going continuously until the end, many of them never to return. They are risking their lives that we who stay at home may live in peace.

We must not stop until victory is complete. Patriotism must live. The mothers of poor blood-stained France, whose sons and fortunes have already been sacrificed on the altar of liberty, with tear bedimmed eyes and heavy hearts in the sleepless, silent watches of the night, are wondering and praying if we will stay by her and be with her until a victorious close, as her nation's army was with us at Yorktown.

We must not disappoint this heroic people. We must not disappoint the world. We must support our government to prosecute this war to the end.

The government asks you to give nothing, but it does ask you to save your money, the small change that burns a hole in your pocket, and invest this small savings in War Savings Stamps, which will pay you 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. Every penny of this money loaned to your government helps to save the lives of our men at the front and to win the war.

The postoffices of America are the first agents of the government in the issuing of War Savings Stamps and cooperating with the government, also stand the banks of America and countless business firms who are also lending their help unreserved except for sense of patriotic duty performed.

Frank W. Clarke.

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School Life

Monday morning the following oratorical and debating society program was given:

"Orange and Black"—School.
Recitation—Inez Marsh.
Solo duet—M. Wilber and A. Armstrong.

Address—Mr. Chapple.
Athletic dances—Selma and Velma Little.

Violin solo—Marian Edwards.
"Speed our Republic"—School.
Mura Treat, '16, visited H. S. Monday.

Margaret Scheld visited H. S. Monday.
Grace Anderson visited school Friday.

Baseball game Friday afternoon. Everyone came. Belding vs. Ionia. Miss Kennedy in Eng. 12: "Madge decline the pronoun 'I'." Madge: "I, me, he, she, it."

Nettie Davis in German 12: "Die Kleider waren made."
Eleven of the members of the high school Y. M. C. A. group rode out to Martin Davis' farm home for their regular group meeting, Monday evening. A fine time was enjoyed by all. The group is planning a trip to Camp Custer next Sunday.

Wednesday afternoon a dual track meet with Rockford will be held on the Spicer track. It will give the track men some much needed practice before the county meet at Ionia one week from Saturday. No admission.

Ionia's baseball team will play with the B. H. S. team next Friday afternoon to decide which will play Clarks-ville for the county championship on Field day. Ionia has won one game on her home grounds and Belding won by a good score when they played here. Clarks-ville beat Ionia, 14 to 2, and won from Belding, 13 to 6. Belding High's team believe that they can beat Ionia again and are going to put up a big fight to play Field day. The game will be called at 3:30. Admission, students 10c, others 20c.

NOTE: Owing to the fact that this game is not a regularly scheduled one athletic tickets will not admit students and all must pay for admission.

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First In Price First in Style

And the First to Extend Courtesy to Our Customers

We were able to place very large orders last fall, at extremely low prices of Rugs, Linoleums, Mattresses, and Springs, and we are still offering the advantages of this buy to our customers.

Just think of it at this time.

A 9x12 Body Brussels Rug for only \$30.00

A 9x12 Wool Fiber Rug for only \$11.50

Another Good Rug at equal Bargain.

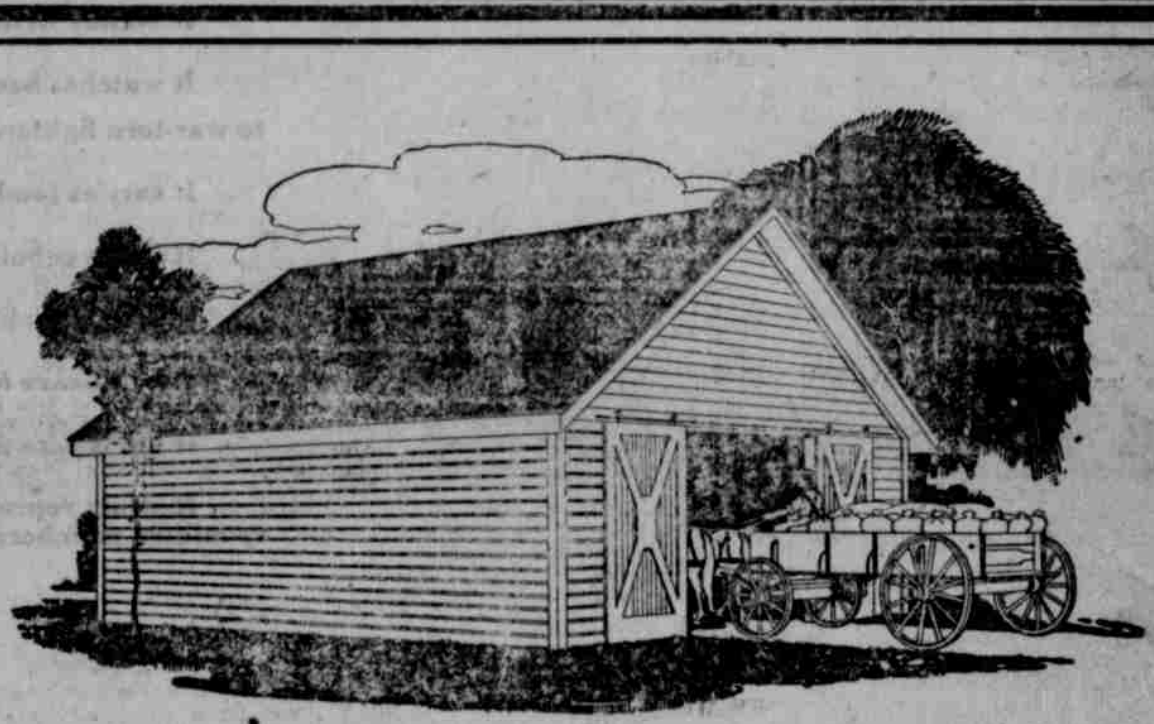
A 50 lb cloths Felt Mattress for only \$14.00

A 30 lb silk floss Mattress for only \$20.00

An all steel guaranteed Spring any size \$7.50

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"The Largest Furniture and Undertaking Store in This County."



THE COMBINATION CORN CRIB AND GRANARY
Finished with White Pine Drop Siding and 1x4 Boards

More Farm Buildings are Needed to Win the War

THERE are two things to which the nation has pledged itself in this great war—one is to stop waste, and the other is to exert every ounce of energy and ability toward production—and even more than anything else, production of foodstuffs.

The farm, therefore, that is doing its full patriotic duty, is the farm which is conserving the most feed—and raising the most hogs and beef and milk and corn and wheat per acre.

But no farm can produce its maximum unless properly equipped.

The farmer who is not giving his hogs proper protection is not getting as many litters nor as large litters as he could if his hogs were properly housed.

Feed, which stock in the open require for animal heat, would go into beef or pork or milk if the stock were kept in a properly built, well ventilated and insulated barn.

And after all, isn't the time spent in repairing machinery after it has lain exposed to the weather all year, waste?

There never was a better time to build your barn or your hog house or your implement shed or your granary than right now. Lumber is not high. A hog or a bushel of wheat buys more lumber now than it has ever bought before—more, perhaps, than it will buy later when values again re-adjust themselves.

Practical working plans, specifications and bills of material for any type of farm building are yours free upon request of us. See us about your buildings. Let us show you how a new barn or a hog house or a poultry house or an implement shed will pay for itself in increased production on your farm. There is no charge for this service. It saves time and eliminates the extras. Our stock of White Pine, too, makes building easy and economical.